

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace certain paragraphs in the specification as follows:

B1 [0003] In order to afford variation in gameplay, in-built into the games software, typically, is the ability to have different levels of gameplay ranging in complexity. This is usually implemented in the software by making changes to characters, features, aspects and other parameters of the basic gameplay.

B2 [0028] The user then plays the game off-line. The games engine runs the encrypted data through its decryption means and interfaces the encrypted data with the gaming parameters. The games engine provides responses to the encrypted data for determining whether the game is played within the criteria set out in the encryption data. For instance, if the game is played within the set time limit, or if the game is played according to the rules, or has the game been re-set at any time. If the games data obtains a response that determines that the game has been played outside any of these parameters then a null game is sent to the server at 220230 via operator. The gaming parameters may allow a user to pause a game and return to it at some later time. If the game is played within predetermined parameters the result is encrypted at the phone and sent to the server via the operator at block 230.

B3 [0029] The game may be played interactively between two or more users in a multi-play scenario. In this situation, the encryption data including the operational parameters is applied to all users. The server then controls synchronisation synchronization between the players.

B4 [0035] Accordingly, it should be apparent that the games server arranges the competition and games be downloaded on-line. Players then play the game off-line, however the encrypted operational parameters and authentication procedures prevent the player from re-setting the game and replaying until he has achieved a scoreline that satisfies him. A secure system is thereby provided in which the risk of computer hacking of the data on the handset is ~~minimised~~ minimized, and the risk of third party interception of the data in the network is diminished.

B5 [0038] Furthermore, each feature disclosed in this specification (which terms includes the claims) and/or shown in the drawings may be incorporated in the invention independently of other disclosed and/or illustrated features. In this regard, the invention includes any novel feature or combination of features disclosed herein either explicitly or any ~~generalisation~~ generalization thereof irrespective of whether or not it relates to the claimed invention or mitigates any or all of the problems addressed.